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COMMON SENSE BUDGET

California's budget crisis threatens to undermine the quality of life in our communities and the welfare of the people of Los Angeles County.

The Governor's "cuts only" budget proposal would deprive millions of Californians basic health care, home care and other services that children, seniors, and people with disabilities need to survive; and

The Governor's budget proposal would leave hundreds of thousands of people unemployed—including Los Angeles County residents—putting enormous pressure on County services and driving California further into recession.

The Governor's budget proposal would significantly cut money that the state is legally required to pay to counties, which in turn would catastrophically impact the Los Angeles County budget, impact public safety, and impact vital services which are needed to maintain our strong and vibrant communities.

Public opinion research conducted after the May 2009 Special Election showed

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that voters of all political backgrounds oppose the governor's budget proposal—in fact, 65 percent believe the budget crisis must be solved with a mixture of cuts and new taxes—not just cuts alone, as the Governor is proposing.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors call on the Governor and Legislature to produce a “common sense” budget that strikes a fair balance between all stakeholders.

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